

**Press Release - Iceberg B-15A Calves
Iceberg B-15M, B-15N, and B-15P Named**

November 1, 2005, Washington D.C.-- The National Ice Center (NIC) discovered that iceberg B-15A (Figure 1) has calved three icebergs that meet criteria for naming and tracking by the NIC. DMSP OLS Visible imagery first indicated calving on 30 October 2005 (Figure 2) and shows a portion of the berg detached from B15A. DMSP OLS Visible imagery clarity improves on 31 October 2005 and shows further calving of two additional bergs that meet NIC naming criteria (Figure 3). The new icebergs will be named B-15M, B-15N, and B-15P (the letter 'O' is not used so it will not be confused with the number zero). These icebergs mark the 12th to 14th occurrence that a portion of B-15 has calved. B-15M is currently located at 71°15'S 170°42'E, and measures 27NM x 03NM. B-15N is currently located at 72°00'S 171°55'E, and measures 33NM x 07NM. B-15P is currently located at 71°58'S 171°39'E, and measures 10NM x 02NM.

Iceberg names are derived from the Antarctic quadrant in which they were originally sighted. The quadrants are divided counter-clockwise in the following manner:

A = 0-90W (Bellinghausen/Weddell Sea)
B = 90W-180 (Amundsen/Eastern Ross Sea)
C = 180-90E (Western Ross Sea/Wilkesland)
D = 90E-0 (Amery/Eastern Weddell Sea).

When first sighted, an iceberg's point of origin is documented by the NIC. The letter of the quadrant, along with a sequential number, is assigned to the iceberg. For example, A-53 is sequentially the 53rd iceberg tracked by the NIC in Antarctica between 0-90W (Quadrant A). Any further calving of original berg will be suffixed sequentially with letters, i.e. A-53 calves in two, bergs will be identified A-53A and A-53B.

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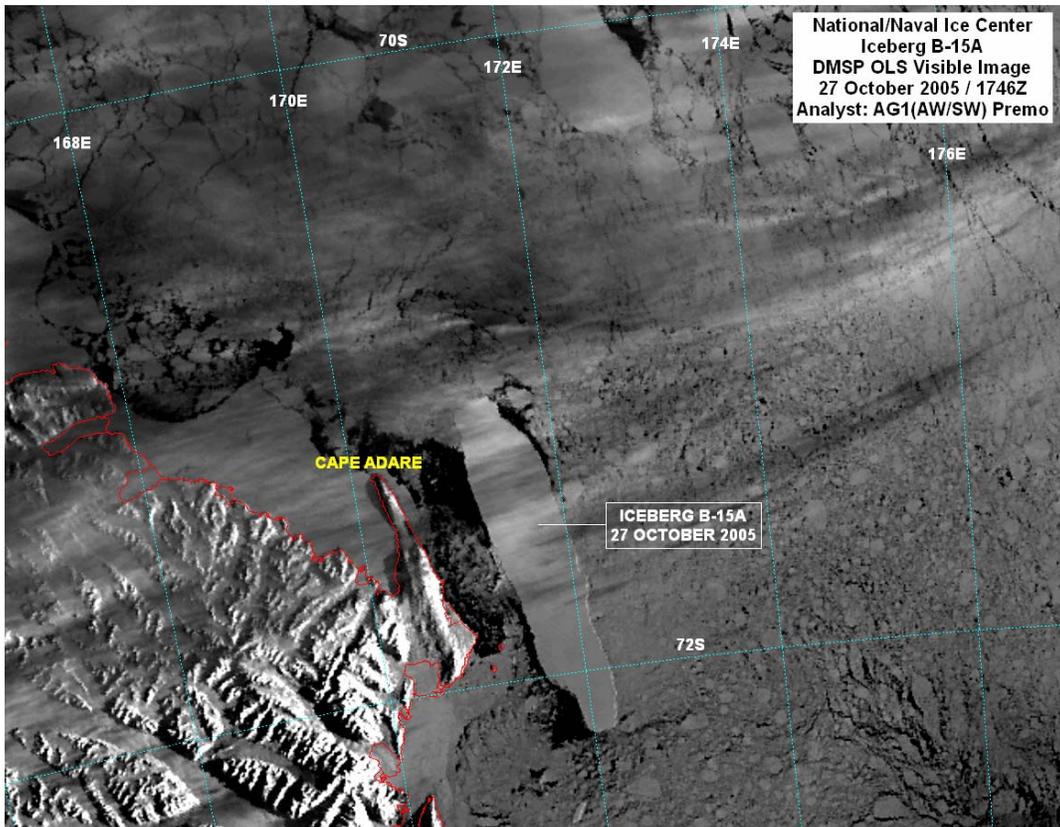


Figure 1. DMSP OLS Visible Image 27 October 2005, Iceberg B-15A

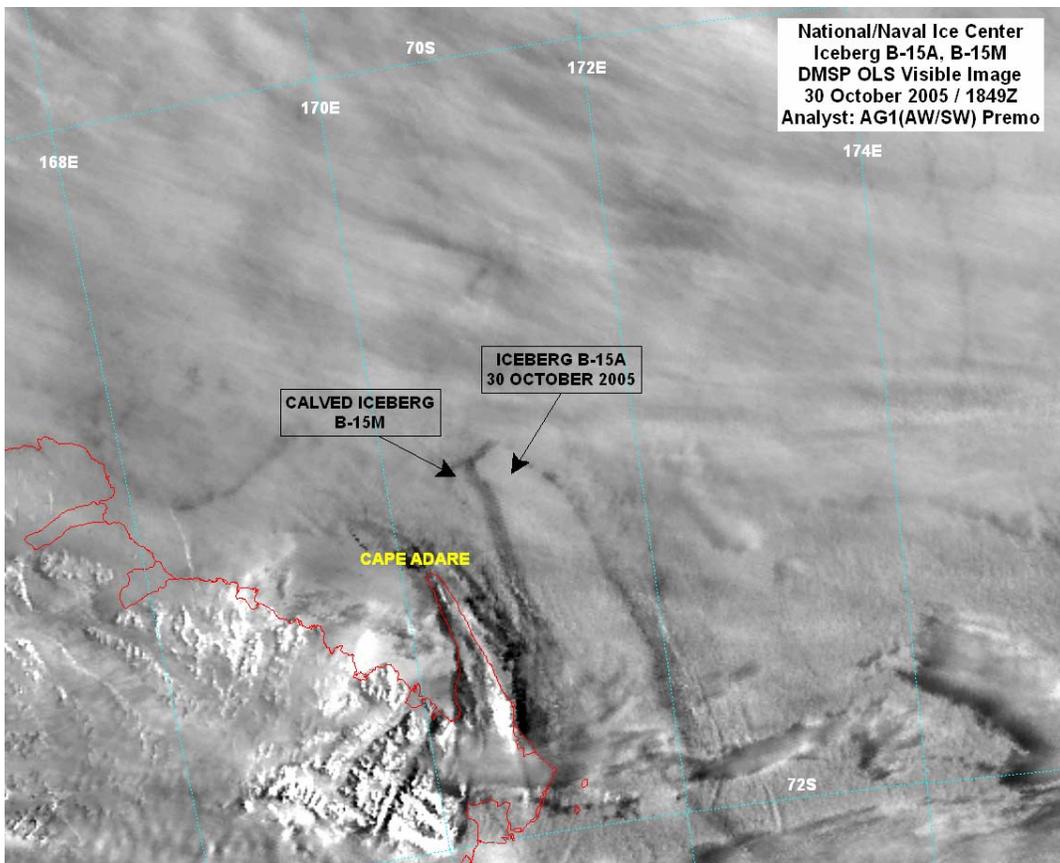


Figure 2. DMSP OLS Visible Image 30 October 2005, Iceberg B-15M calved.

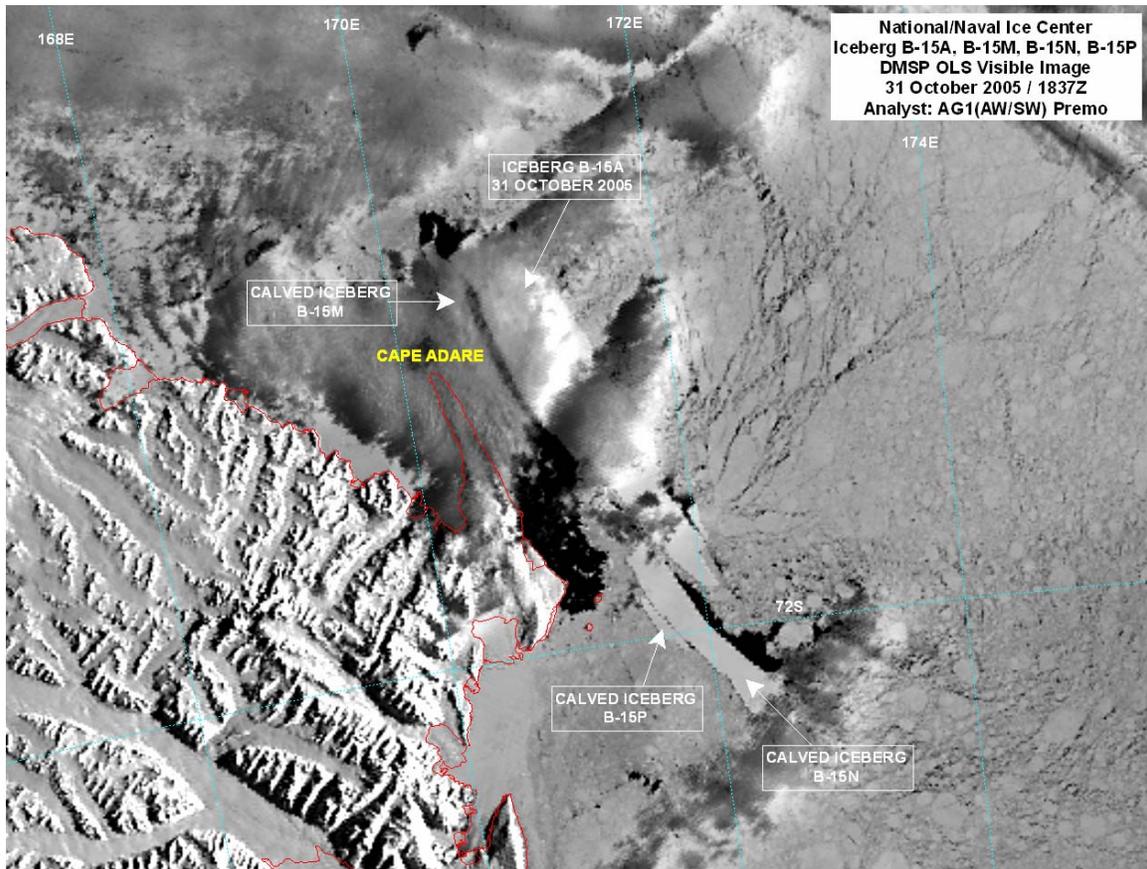


Figure 3. DMSP OLS Visible Image 31 October 2005, Icebergs B-15M, B-15N, and B-15P calved.

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